

**MINUTES OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, October 26, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W135 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Chair
Rep. David Ure, House Chair
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Ed Mayne
Sen. Michael G. Waddoups
Rep. Judy A. Buffmire
Rep. Greg J. Curtis
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

Members Excused:

President Al Mansell

Staff Present:

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of related materials can be found at www.leg.utah.gov or by contacting the committee secretary, Tracey Fredman, at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting is available from the committee secretary.

1. Committee Business

Chair Ure called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Dmitrich moved to approve the Revised Minutes of the October 4, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Curtis was absent for the vote.

2. Child Care Licensing and Enforcement Recommendations

Dr. Scott Williams, Executive Director, UDOH (Utah Department of Health), distributed and reviewed "Child Care Licensing Issues." He presented an extensive list of recommendations for changes to the rules and changes to the enforcement of the rules.

Ms. Iona Thraen, Director, Health Systems Improvement, UDOH, and Dr. Williams responded to questions from the Committee.

Ms. Lynette Rasmussen, Director, Office of Child Care, Department of Workforce Services, discussed the funding of child care agencies in Utah. Ms. Rasmussen explained that families are not encouraged to select one provider type over another.

Ms. Jean Hill, Utah State Office of Education, explained that the office's involvement within the child day care center nutrition program is to insure compliance with federal regulations and to reimburse eligible day care centers for food purchases.

Ms. Karen Silver, Salt Lake Community Action Program, said that information should be available to parents about the rules day care centers are required to follow, as well as any complaints that may have been filed against a licensed center.

Mr. Johnny Anderson, Utah Private Child Care Association, commented that the greatest provider population is the unregulated or license-exempt community. He stated that home providers have seen the largest growth and qualify for grants and training subsidies, yet are not required to be regulated.

Mr. Scott Nielson, President, Utah Child Care Association, expressed concerns regarding child care licensing and enforcement.

Ms. Deborah Tilley, Owner, Tilley Time Child Care Center, distributed information addressing expenses she said remain unpaid by some of her child care clients, and shared her concerns with child care licensing enforcement.

Sen. Waddoups reported that an audit of child care licensing in the Department of Health has been initiated. He also suggested that perhaps the Tax Commission should be included in a future discussion of these issues.

3. Committee Business – Future Meetings

Future meetings were scheduled for Monday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, November 30, at 1:00 p.m.

4. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Ure, and Rep. Curtis were absent for the vote.

Rep. Newbold adjourned meeting at 12:15 p.m.